



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 28.5-DOE

Subject:	Standards for Physical Plant
Authority:	TCA 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA-2-9020, 2-9117, 2-9122, 2-9134, 2-9135, 2-9154
Application:	To the Assistant Commissioner of Residential Services and all Youth Development Center Superintendents.

Policy Statement:

The Department of Children's Services will achieve accreditation of all existing youth development centers and will comply with the standards for physical plants set forth in this policy.

Procedures:

1. Effective July 1, 1988, all Department of Children's Services facilities shall be accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) or in the process of being accredited.
2. All physical plant renovations and additions to existing youth development centers, and construction of any new youth development center, shall conform to the physical plant standards of the American Correctional Association
3. The Superintendent of each youth development center shall maintain a copy of the current American Correctional Association Standards for Juvenile Training Schools for use by staff.
4. The Superintendent will work with the Assistant Commissioner of Departmental Treatment Facilities and the Director of Accreditation to achieve accreditation and compliance with the physical plant standards set forth herein.
5. To the extent not already completed, existing living units at youth development centers will be individualized.
6. Placement or installation of locks in doors of individual sleeping rooms in living units at any facility will utilize locks that allow the youth to lock and unlock the door from the inside and that only allow staff or the youth to unlock the door from the outside. This does not apply to confinement units or rooms in control units.

Forms:	<i>None</i>
Collateral Documents:	None

(Note: This Policy Cannot Be Revised Without Prior Permission of Chancery Court, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee)